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SUBJECT: "HIRE A HERO, HIRE A VET" JOB AND RESOURCE FAIRS

Several State agencies have partnered on an initiative, "Hire A Hero, Hire A Vet", to reach out to recently released veterans to assist them with access to employment, training, education, veteran benefits, apprenticeships and other resources essential to the transition from military life to civilian life. This initiative provides dedicated funding to ten regional resource fairs throughout the state, with the goal of providing a one-stop event targeted to recently released veterans.

Hire a Hero Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fairs are open to all job seekers, but are especially designed for veterans, National Guard, and Reservist returning from active duty. At Hire a Hero Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fairs, veterans can meet with employers face-to-face, fill out applications, provide their résumé, and learn about a wide variety of career and educational opportunities. The fairs will have local colleges, training institutions, and apprentice program sponsors to assist veterans with taking advantage of their educational benefits, to find training and education opportunities to round out their military training, or to make a transition to a new career path. Additionally, the fairs will include advisors from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA), and various veteran service organizations, to provide counseling and application assistance for veterans seeking to take advantage of federal, state, and local veteran benefits.

To that end CDVA is seeking the county veteran service offices participation in these vitally important outreach efforts. Attached you will find a listing of the ten regional Hire A Hero, Hire A Vet Job and Resource Fairs with local Employment Development Department (EDD) points of contact. Because these events are regional in nature, and targeted marketing will go to not only the host county but surrounding counties as well, we encourage a joint effort among the local county veteran services offices (CVSO's).

EDD organizers will be working with various local agencies involved in the workforce investment and employment development arena, as well as veteran stakeholders. They have target organizations to approach for participation in the fairs specifically including the local CVSO's. While you should be contacted for participation, CDVA strongly encourages you to contact the EDD organizers early in order to be able to participate in the planning process.

Hire a Hero Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fairs are sponsored by the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Employment Development Department, California Department of Veterans' Affairs, California Community Colleges, and the Department of Industrial Relations Apprenticeship Division.

If you have any questions please contact Jack Kirwan or Ralph Cansimbe at 916.653.6573.



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"HIRE A HERO HIRE A VET"
Job and Resource Fairs
Contact List

JS Office ARU#	Location	Address	Time	Date	Contact Person	Email	Telephone #
San Bernardino 161 and Riverside 039	National Orange Show Grounds	600 Arrowhead Way, Gate 8, San Bernardino, CA 92401	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	5/9/2007	Lee Schrank	lschrank@edd.ca.gov	(951) 791-3506 & (951) 809-5471
Visalia #124	King's County Fairgrounds	801 South 10th Avenue, Hanford, CA	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	5/10/2007	Marcia Becerra	mbecerra@edd.ca.gov	(559) 713-5136
Anaheim #074	Angel Stadium	2000 Gene Autrie Way, Anaheim, CA 92803	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	5/16/2007	R. Masek	Rmasek@edd.ca.gov	(714) 518-2356
Sacramento 059	Sacramento Convention Center	1400 "J" Street, Sacramento, CA	9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	5/22/2007	Carol Grable	cgrable@edd.ca.gov	(916)227-0312
San Diego #146	Veterans' Museum & Memorial Center	2115 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	6/2/2007	Annie Taamilo	ataamilo@edd.ca.gov	(619) 266-4255
Campbell 069	Veterans' Center	278 No. 2nd St., San Jose, CA 95112	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	6/8/2007	Vince Saso	vsaso@edd.ca.gov	(408) 369-3649
Alameda #0330	Oakland Marriott	1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607-4019	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	9/27/2007	Dollie Hamilton	dhamilto@edd.ca.gov	(510)259-3535
Pending	Pending	Los Angeles		10/26/2007			
Southbay- 914 Oxnard-136		Los Angeles		11/8/2007	Michael Kane	mkane@edd.ca.gov	(323)242-6704
Ventura	Pending	Ventura		11/9/2007	Bob Adams	radams@edd.ca.gov	(805)382-8648